GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:241
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2002
E-MAIL IN RURAL POST OFFICES
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in rural areas of the country having E-mail, Internet and Computer facilities at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide the above facilities to all important post offices in rural areas within a fixed time frame;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any time bound programme for providing computer facility in the remaining rural post offices of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PF MAHAJAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 241 FOR 20th MARCH, 2002 REGARDING E-MAIL IN RURAL POST OFFICES.

(a) E-mail or Internet and Computer facilities are not available in rural post offices.

(b): At present the Department have no such programme.

(c) to (e): Do not arise.

(f) Keeping in view the resources available and the need for optimal utilization of the computers, it is not possible to have such programme at present.